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## Aruba Tourism Authority optimistic after release of tourism numbers for 2010 and January 2011

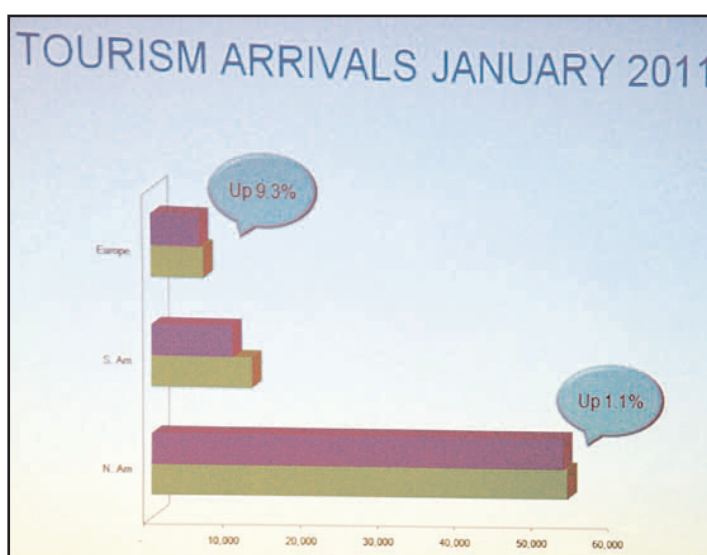


ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe Croes

Newly appointed CEO of the ATA, Mrs. Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, welcomed media to ATA headquarters

yesterday morning to release the latest tourism statistics, which she states enforces their policy of "transparency and communication" in regards to Aruba's economic pillar.

Comparisons between 2009 and 2010 would expect improvement over the former, as the world in general enjoyed improved numbers, and this basically runs true. According to the U N World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) the Caribbean has returned to 2008 growth levels and the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) reports an average of 4% growth throughout the region in 2010.



Aruba experienced an increase of 1.48% of visitor arrivals over 2009; this lesser margin could be explained by the fact that the island did not have as serious drop-offs in arrivals in 2009 as experienced by many other Caribbean destinations. Surprisingly, cruise ship arrivals in 2009 surpass 2008 and 2010, but Aruba expects to surpass the 100,000 visitor-a-month mark in March of this year. In January of 2009 they came close with 99,300 passengers. It is also likely tickets for 2009 were reserved and paid for before the financial meltdown struck in 2008.

Tourism officials cited statistics on stay-over vacationers as the standard for judging meaningful tourism growth; December 2010 occupancy increased by 2.8% over the previous year. January of 2011 witnessed the breaking of their record for arrivals for this month, the highest in Aruba's history with 74,965, an increase of 3,725 over 2010, with 10% to 15% increase in bookings from the U.S. projected for the first quarter of 2011, compared to last year. Stay-over visitors from Canada increased by 11.24%

2010 saw a marked increase in arrivals from Latin

American markets, particularly Brazil, with an attention-getting jump of 91.2%

over 2009 for that nation alone. The Brazilian economy is particularly strong right now and the ATA considers it very important to focus on and stimulate this market. Arrivals from Venezuela and Colombia also increased, indicating stabilization of these economies.

Airlift is always an issue regarding improved numbers of arrivals; the ATA admits to some challenges in the North American market with the cancellation of non-stop flights from Boston by US Air and American Airlines, which is referred to as "The Boston Effect."

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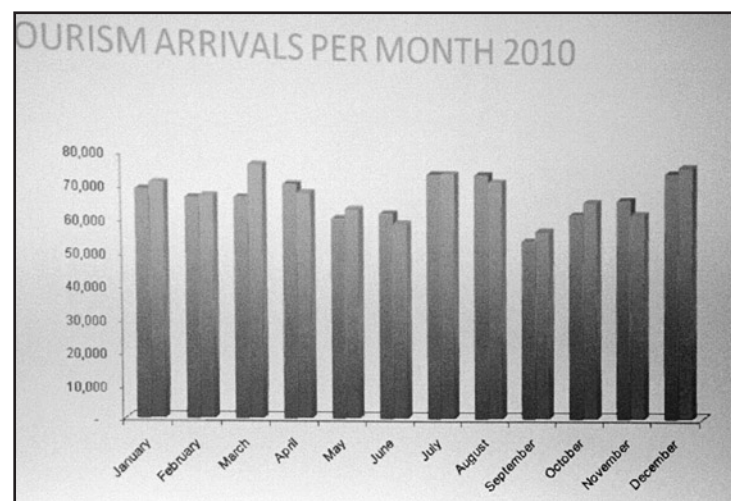
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## ATA optimistic . . .

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To negate this, ATA negotiated increased flights by Jet Blue and a charter for nine rotations with TNT. Expanding and increasing airlift from Europe and Latin American is in sync with the ATA's philosophy of diversifying Aruba's tourism demographic. Charter flights from Sweden and Italy are performing well and are up to expectations. It is believed the transition from KLM/Marti-

nair to only KLM will allow for greater market acquisition beyond Amsterdam and ATA is working closely with the airline and ATA's marketing department to properly take advantage of this opportunity.

Generally, the ATA is very optimistic for 2011, with the numbers projecting that in all likelihood it will be a record year for Aruba.

By Rosalie Klein

## Colombia approves new hostage recovery try

BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP) - The Colombian government gave the go ahead yesterday for a new bid to recover two hostages who were supposed to have been freed on Sunday by Marxist FARC rebels.

"We have authorized resumption of the release process of police major Guillermo Solorzano and army corporal Salin Sanmiguel in the coming days, but we will have to take a number of precautions," Eduardo Pizarro, the presidential point-man in the process told reporters.

Pizarro said weather and other conditions would determine when the operation resumes, and that teams led by the International Committee of the Red Cross would set out from the city of Cali aboard helicopters provided by Brazil.

He called on the rebels "not to create media shows" and urged them to free the 16 po-



lice and army staff whom they are holding.

The government has accused the FARC of providing false coordinates for the locations of the two hostages that were supposed to have been released on Sunday. The release of three other hostages last week went off without a problem.

"We are not ready to accept

the FARC failing to keep its promises," Pizarro said, saying it was up to the rebel group to fulfill their commitment.

Sanmiguel, kidnapped in May 2008 when he was 25, was to be reunited with his wife and daughter. Solorzano, 34, was taken in June 2007, and was expected to return to his family in Bogota.

The FARC hopes to swap the 16 other police and soldiers they hold for jailed guerrillas, but the Colombian government has refused.

FARC, which has been at war with the Colombian government since 1964, has between 7,000 and 11,000 fighters.

Photo shows released FARC hostage, the councilman of San Jose del Guaviare Marcos Baquero, speaks to journalists upon arriving at Villavicencio's airport, department of Meta on Sunday.

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## Berlusconi to stand trial for underage sex

ROME, Italy (AFP) - Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi will go on trial in April over allegations that he paid a 17-year-old girl for sex and used his status to spring her from police custody, a judge ruled yesterday.

Judge Cristina Di Censo scheduled the first hearing for April 6, in a move that brings long-running allegations about the 74-year-old premier's scandalous private life to a head and severely dents his hold on power.

Following the announcement, the prime minister's camp reiterated its claims that Berlusconi was the victim of a witch hunt by his political opponents.

"We didn't expect anything else," his lawyers said.

Berlusconi, whose bedroom antics sparked a nationwide

protest by Italian women on the weekend, will be tried by three female judges, prompting the popular magazine Famiglia Cristiana to quip the premier has met his "nemesis."

In nearly two decades in politics, the billionaire tycoon has been dogged by a long list of investigations -- he faces two corruption trials later this year -- but it is the sex scandals that have caused most outrage.

In the trial, the prime minister will have to answer allegations that he paid for sex in his sprawling luxury mansion outside Milan with an erotic nightclub dancer called "Ruby the Heart Stealer," who was 17 at the time.

He is also accused of persuading police to release Ruby after she was arrested for alleged theft and hand her over to another alluring young

woman, Nicole Minetti -- his former dental hygienist, now a senior regional official.

Berlusconi's defence claim he did not abuse his power because he mistakenly believed Ruby to be the niece of the Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and had been dutifully helping a fellow leader avoid diplomatic fallout.

Prosecutors allege he was in fact trying to keep his secret liaison with the young Moroccan out of the public eye.

Berlusconi faces three years in prison if found guilty of paying a minor for sex, and from six to 12 years for abuse of power.

But a lawyer close to the case said Berlusconi's defence will try to cast doubt on whether the court in Milan should be handling the case at all.



Silvio Berlusconi

Berlusconi could also seek a vote in parliament to strengthen his position and argue that his office prevents him from attending hearings.

Even if convicted, the prime minister is unlikely to ever serve time in prison since sentencing guidelines in Italy are lenient for over-70s.



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## Renowned Baptist Health Signs MOU with Aruba



**Minister Dr. Richard Visser together with executives of the Baptist Health in June 2010, in front of the Parliament Building of Aruba.**

Today, Baptist Health South Florida is expected to be in Aruba to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MUO) with the government of Aruba to explore the possibility of taking over the management of the former Centro Medico San Nicolaas, now IMSAN.

Baptist Health South Florida is an organization that manages several different hospitals in The United States. Under their management are: Baptist Hospital of Miami, South Miami Hospital, Doctors Hospital, Baptist Children's Hospital, Homestead Hospital, Marines Hospital, Baptist Outpatient Services and the famous Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute.

Baptist Health South Florida has received multiple nominations and awards both locally and internationally for their attentive staff, as well as for being considered the best employer in the US. Besides, their doctors have superb reputations internationally, which has made Baptist Health a recognized leader in the medical field. Last year, a survey among patients of all the hospitals they manage revealed that there is a 90% satisfaction rate for their services and doctors. There was an overall 96% satisfac-

tion from those poled on the question: "Overall, how satisfied are you with the hospital?"

Baptist Health's financial situation is solid. They proudly report that they are the only health organization in the entire district of Florida that enjoys an AA rating with Standard & Poor agency as well as with Moody's.

The international services of Baptist Health are also extensive. Last year they attended to as many as 11 thousand patients who came from abroad for treatment. They have a long standing agreement with the Cayman Island for treatment of their patients. In order to better serve those patients, they opened a satellite office in the Cayman Island.

Today, Baptist Health is offering service to 11 countries within Latin America and the Caribbean.

Since 1996, Baptist Health has won the annual "Preferred Hospital in Miami" award, almost every year. In addition, they have won awards for the best place for mothers to give birth, best company to work for, pioneer in obesity prevention, and a host of other prizes. Aruba is proud to welcome them here to our shores.

**Pointers to Ponder**  
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## He Left, Well....Stop Crying and let him Go! advice for women

In this and next edition of The Morning News, I will be focusing in on an important and somewhat sensitive issue in the lives of women in our community. It is no secret that there are numerous women in our community today who are hurting real bad because of a failed love relationship. They had something real good going and suddenly its over. I know that this can be extremely devastating. I want to address that issue today and in next edition.

Many women who experience a relationship break up spend weeks, months and sometimes even years hoping and expecting the lover to call and say that he made a mistake and was coming back. But, unfortunately, that call never happens! That magical call telling them how sorry he was for breaking up and how that they were always the right person for him, and that he wanted them back into his life....never comes.

Some women are wise enough to seek out a good psychologist to help them through the breakup process. Maybe you are currently in such a dilemma today. You have been crying for weeks or months about your breakup. You have cried and despaired over your breakup because you feel that you will never find a man who understood and loved you the way that one special guy did.

You've been torturing yourself with daydreams about him coming back to you and asking you to get back together this time forever. Those daydreams can be much crueler than the reality.

I know, because I have watched and assisted so many women go through this in my counseling practice. Breakups can be gut-wrenching and painful times in a woman's life. And, don't be surprised, men also suffer terribly, as much as women; they seldom talk about their suffering however, because they think it is not manly to let it show.

Many women handle their breakup experience very poorly, or at least unwisely: they develop a certain pattern, a certain way of doing things and of feeling. They do certain things to make them feel

better or to lessen the pain or the shame of feeling dumped by a man. They try to avoid the pain, sometimes in rather detrimental ways. But you know, it is normal to want to avoid the pain.

But the scary part is that often women find themselves doing things, in their quest to avoid the pain that actually increases their pain in the long run. They, believe it or not, repeat the very same mistake. And, before you know it they are stuck in a bad pattern, over and over, break up after break up. They end up being stuck in go-no-where relationships for years! Like I said earlier, some women are smart enough to go find help. When they go for help to a psychologist, they get advice on how to stop the defeating cycle. If you're in such a predicament today, let me share with you some of the principles I share with my clients. If you are in and out of relationships and nothing seems to be improving in the quality of your relationships, you want to pay attention to these principles:

You need to avoid three common mistakes that most women make after a breakup. Avoiding these mistakes will set you free to a new level of success in your future relationship:

First: Avoid staying in touch with your ex! I know, you had a fight, he said he wants out and doesn't feel anything for you anymore, and he left. But, after a few days he calls, or sends you an email or text message, supposedly to see if you're ok. This continues for a while, and then you go out for just a quick snack and he may say nice things about you...how he still cares about you, etc. You build your hopes up that he might want to come back and

be with you again. He may even say how he wants to have you in his life in some way. But, be careful, this is only to boost his own ego and to lessen his own discomfort about the breakup. This way he can show his friends that it isn't as bad as it seemed!

And, what happens, you get your hopes up that things will change and you will get back together and everything will be back as it was. My dear, you are wrong! It usually does not turn out this way. A man, who has left, is normally not seriously planning on coming back, for he has already found a niche, or in any case is contemplating new territory! Staying in contact with a man who left, a man who doesn't want a committed relationship with you (when you do) only PROLONGS your pain. So, my first advice, do not stay in contact with your ex, unless you are dead sure he intends on sincerely making amends and returning for good!

What you need now more than anything else is the space and time to heal and to find a man who will truly love you and wants a real and legal relationship with you!

Determine now, as you read this, to cut all ties, to free yourself, to get your confidence in yourself back, to rebuild your self-esteem! If you believe in God, learn to trust Him with your life and your future relationship. He knows and loves you more than any man ever could!

Look out for the next issue of this great newspaper, where I will share some more principles about what to do when a relationship fails. If this was helpful, feel free to write and tell me at: themorningnewsaruba@yahoo.com. Thanks.

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Begun over 20 years ago at the Aruba Beach Club and Casa Del Mar, there are two major events that are the core of their efforts, and one of the most popular, their annual Sweethearts Dinner Dance, is coming up this Saturday evening, February 19, in the Radisson Aruba Ballroom in Palm Beach.

If you neglected your significant other on Valentine's Day, this is a perfect way to make up for it in style. If you want to stir the romantic embers up a bit more, this is an event you can't miss! Whatever your reason, it is a great evening with good food, flowing wine, NBO, one of Aruba's most popular bands for dancing, and congenial company.

Along with the dinner dance are a number of raffles conducted for valuable prizes. Opportunities to win come with the purchase of your ticket to the dance, and there is their famous annual raffle with limited sales offering a chance to win a grand prize of \$2000 cash. All proceeds are donated to worthy causes.

This fun evening of fabulous food, fun and wonderful winnings costs 150 Aruban florins, (\$90) per person, which begins with a one hour cocktail hour with full open bar and hors d'oeuvres at 7:00 PM, followed by a 3-course meal accompanied by unlimited wine and roses for the ladies.

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## Ultimate Automobiles presents its BMW ActiveHybrids



**BMW Active Hybrid 7**



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Ultimate Automobiles announced to all BMW lovers that the BMW ActiveHybrids have arrived. Peter Tunnerman, Project Manager for 2010 MW ActiveHybrids explained "The main object is to change the Hybrid image. With the BMW ActiveHybrid 7 and X6 models we wanted to make a non-hybrid hybrid. In other words, we wanted to design a vehicle that need not be operated as a hybrid, and

we have we succeeded."

Although BMW initially shunned hybrids in favor of clean diesels and other alternative powertrains, the German automaker joined the electrically assisted fray with not one but two gasoline-electric vehicles: the 2010 BMW ActiveHybrid 7 and the 2010 BMW ActiveHybrid X6.

Both models share ActiveHybrid badging and fall in

the contradictory performance-hybrid segment, but their similarities end there. The 7 is a mild hybrid that uses an electric motor in its eight-speed automatic gearbox and a compact lithium-ion battery mounted in the trunk to assist acceleration and run the accessories; the X6 is a far more complex full hybrid. The latter's pair of motors and advanced electronic continuously variable

transmission allow it to waft up to 1.6 miles and at speeds of up to 37 mph on electric current alone.

The ActiveHybrid 7 is equipped with a START/STOP button that prevents unnecessary fuel consumption at traffic lights, heavy traffic or in a stop and go situation. It uses a 120V lithium ion battery pack rather than nickel metal hydride unit in the crossover.

The hybrid drive should bump the fuel efficiency by about 15 percent overall, putting it at about 19-20 mpg combined, while getting to 60 mph in about 4.8 seconds.

Both cars are now available at Ultimate Automobiles, exclusive car dealer for BMW on Aruba. For more information visit their showroom at Sabana Blanco 35, or call 583-9800. E-mail: [info@ultimatearucar.com](mailto:info@ultimatearucar.com)



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## Sci-Tech

# Meat-lovers get food for thought in futuristic US lab

CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AFP) – A 21st century American cowboy will resemble a worker in a hi-tech plant creating artificial meat in a petri dish, a far cry from cattle ranches, says biologist Vladimir Mironov.

The growth of "cultured" or in-vitro meat may be a vital step towards solving the global food crisis and fighting hunger in the future, Mironov believes.

It may also be used on the first trip to Mars where it's impractical to bring a cow on a six-month mission on a space shuttle.

"Think about planetary settlement, for example, or growing density of population," Mironov said. "There is already no land to grow crops in New York or Singapore."

But the 56-year-old

Mironov, along with fellow researcher, 32-year-old Nicholas Genovese, face many challenges in their small cutting-edge laboratory at a Medical University of South Carolina science building.

The amount of meat now grown in a laboratory is one problem. T-bone steaks don't grow on trees or overnight under a microscope. But Mironov says creating a steak is not far from becoming reality.

"It is a function of time. It is a function of money," Mironov said.

About 10 years ago, Mironov's research dream to grow "cultured meat" became reality when he was awarded a grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for cardiovascular tissue engineering.

He landed the grant with the help of Dr. Helen Lane, a top NASA food expert that Mironov invited to a workshop he hosted.

But the research is no longer funded by NASA, and Mironov said he was told that NASA was moving towards researching transgenic plants as a source of protein.

Now Mironov, along with Genovese, are funded by a three-year grant from the animal rights activists People of Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

A tissue engineer by trade, he has taken embryonic muscle cells called myoblasts, which turn into muscle, from turkey, bathed them in a bovine serum and then grown animal muscle tissue.

"We are working on very small scale using NASA synthecon bioreactor and porous edible chitosan spheres seeded with myoblasts from edible animals," Mironov explained.

The cultured meat choice confronting tomorrow's shoppers will be similar to today's options in the meat department. One North Dakota bio-engineer Douglas McFarland has grown myoblast cells from chicken, turkey, lamb, pig and cow, Mironov says.

Mironov finds that liver or "famous French guts pate" is the easiest muscle meat to grow. And he says cultured meat will be "functional, natural, designed food", arguing that modified food is already common practice, and not harmful.

There is also a "yuck factor" to overcome when people know that meat is grown in a lab, although other foods like yogurt have been cultured for years.

"One of the biggest things that people enjoy as a comfort thing is food," said Sam Bowen, a bar manager in Columbia, South Carolina said.

"And until people grow up with the idea of artificial meat, it's going to be hard to convince people otherwise."

# IBM computer, Jeopardy! champ tied after first day



The IBM supercomputer, "Watson"

WASHINGTON (AFP) – An IBM computer displayed a few quirks but played to a draw on the opening day of a man vs. machine showdown with two human champions of the popular US television game show Jeopardy!.

"Watson," a supercomputer named after the founder of the US technology giant Thomas Watson, and human contestant Brad Rutter each had \$5,000 after the first day of the three-day match.

The other human player, Ken Jennings, was trailing the pair with \$2,000.

Watson, represented on stage by a large computer monitor, was frequently quicker to the buzzer than Rutter and Jennings, correctly answering questions in its artificial voice.

Jeopardy!, which first aired on US television in 1964, tests a player's knowledge in a range of categories, from geography to politics to history to sports and entertainment.

A dollar amount is at-

The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds the most discoveries, is not "Eureka!" (I found it!) but "That's funny..."

~Isaac Asimov

tached to each question and the player with the most money at the end of the game is the winner. Players have money deducted for wrong answers.

In a twist on traditional game play, contestants are provided with clues and need to supply the questions.

Watson receives the clues electronically by text message at the same time as they are revealed to the human contestants. The first player to hit the buzzer gets to answer the question.

"Watson's very bright, very fast but he has some weird little moments once in a while," Trebek said.

Watson, which is not connected to the Internet, plays the game by crunching through multiple algorithms at dizzying speed and attaching a percentage score to what it believes is the correct response.

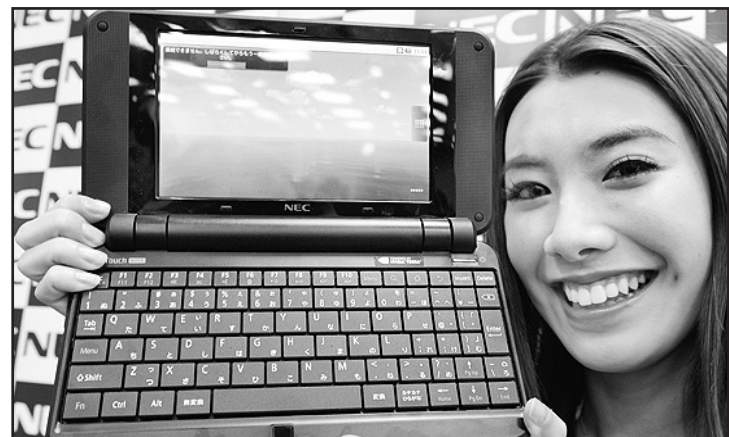
Watson, which has been under development at IBM Research labs in New York since 2006, is the latest machine developed by IBM to challenge mankind -- in 1997, an IBM computer named "Deep Blue" defeated world chess champion Garry Kasparov in a six-game match.

Jennings holds the Jeopardy! record of 74 straight wins while Rutter won a record \$3.25 million on the show.

The winner of the Jeopardy! showdown is to receive \$1 million. Second place is worth \$300,000 and the third place finisher pockets \$200,000.

IBM plans to donate 100 percent of its winnings to charity. Jennings and Rutter plan to give 50 percent of their prize money to charity.

# NEC to launch Android tablet computer with keyboard



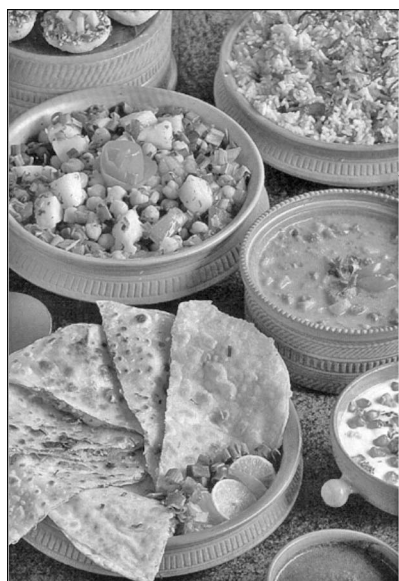
NEC Corp., Japan's biggest maker of personal computers, will introduce a mini notebook based on Google Inc.'s Android operating system and featuring a keyboard as it aims to tap increasing demand in Japan for tablet devices.

The Tokyo-based company will release seven models of the tablets from March 10 and aims to sell 100,000 units in the first year. The clamshell-type devices, which turn on immediately, and weigh about 700 grams (1.5 pounds), will start retailing from about 40,000 yen (\$479).

"Our surveys show there are a lot of consumers who want a PC-like device that has a keyboard and that boots up without any wait time," said Masaki Nakamura, an analyst at Tokyo-based MM research. "I don't know whether sales will be as brisk as the iPhone or the iPad, but it will sell."

NEC's LifeTouch devices will compete against tablets including Apple's iPad, the cheapest version of which sells for 48,800 yen in Japan, and Samsung's Galaxy that typically costs between 40,000 yen and 50,000 yen.





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## BRIEFS:

### Hearing loss in elderly linked to dementia: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Elderly people with hearing loss have a greater chance of developing dementia, a risk that increases as their deafness worsens, according to a new report said. The research studied 639 individuals between the ages of 36 and 90 without dementia, who were given cognitive and hearing testing between 1990 and 1994.

The test subjects were followed for the development of dementia and Alzheimer's disease through May 2008, according to the study published in the February issue of Archives of Neurology, a publication of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

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### US senators: Ban tobacco from baseball:

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Two US senators called for a ban on the use of tobacco, including smokeless products, in professional baseball, citing the athletes' role-model appeal to young Americans.

Democratic Senators Dick Durbin and Frank Lautenberg made the appeal in letters to the sport's commissioner, Bud Selig, as well as the head of the players association, Michael Weiner.

The senators, who underlined that baseball banned tobacco use 28 years ago in its minor leagues, said tobacco-related products killed 443,000 Americans each year, and each day 1,000 American children and teens become regular smokers.

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### Billion dollar boost for US health research:

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Health and science research would get a billion-dollar boost under the 2012 budget proposed by US President Barack Obama, including a major new project to speed lab advances into cures.

The increase for the National Institutes of Health stood out amid the overall \$3.7 trillion budget plan that would slash \$90 billion in spending in 2012 and \$1.1 trillion over the next 10 years.

But it faces hefty opposition from Republican lawmakers. They aim to trim a billion dollars from the world's largest public research institute as part of other cuts to science and research, which they say are necessary as America faces a \$1.65 trillion deficit this year alone.

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## Health & Living

# Broken heart syndrome

### Definition

Broken heart syndrome is a temporary heart condition brought on by stressful situations, such as the death of a loved one. People with broken heart syndrome may have sudden chest pain or think they're having a heart attack. These broken heart syndrome symptoms may be brought on by the heart's reaction to a surge of stress hormones. In broken heart syndrome, a part of your heart temporarily enlarges and doesn't pump well, while the remainder of the heart functions normally or with even more forceful contractions.

The condition was originally called takotsubo cardiomyopathy. Today, it's also referred to as stress cardiomyopathy, stress-induced cardiomyopathy or apical ballooning syndrome.

The symptoms of broken heart syndrome are treatable, and the condition usually reverses itself in about a week.

### Symptoms

Broken heart syndrome symptoms can mimic a heart attack. Common symptoms include:

- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- An irregular heartbeat
- A generalized weakness

Any long-lasting or persistent chest pain could be a sign of a heart attack, so it's important to take it seriously.

### When to see a doctor

If you're having any chest pain, a very rapid or irregular



heartbeat, or shortness of breath after a stressful event, call emergency medical assistance immediately.

### Causes

The exact cause of broken heart syndrome is unclear. It's thought that a surge of stress hormones, such as adrenaline, might temporarily damage the hearts of some people. How these hormones might hurt the heart or whether something else is responsible isn't completely clear. A temporary constriction of the large or small arteries of the heart may play a role.

**Broken heart syndrome is often preceded by an intense physical or emotional event. Some potential triggers of broken heart syndrome are:**

- News of an unexpected death of a loved one
- A frightening medical diagnosis
- Domestic abuse
- Losing a lot of money
- A surprise party
- Having to perform publicly

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■ Physical stressors, such as an asthma attack, infection, a car accident or major surgery

### How is broken heart syndrome different from a heart attack?

Most heart attacks are caused by a complete or near complete blockage of a heart artery. This blockage is due to a blood clot forming at the site of narrowing from fatty buildup (atherosclerosis) in the wall of the artery. In broken heart syndrome, the heart arteries are not blocked, although blood flow in the arteries of the heart may be reduced.

### Risk factors

Broken heart syndrome affects women far more often than men. It appears that most people who have broken heart syndrome are women 50 or older.

### Complications

In rare cases, broken heart syndrome is fatal. However, most who experience broken heart syndrome quickly recover and don't have long-lasting effects.

Other complications of broken heart syndrome include:

- Disruptions in your heartbeat
- A fast or slow heartbeat
- Backup of fluid into your lungs (pulmonary edema)

It's also possible that you may have broken heart syndrome again if you have another stressful event.

## Health Tip: Teach Children Safety Around Cars



-- Kids playing in the yard may be easily distracted and not notice an oncoming car. Busy drivers may also be focused elsewhere and not notice a child in danger.

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Adminis-

tration offers these safety tips to avoid a "backover" accident:

Children must be taught not to play inside or around cars. Parents should always keep an eye on kids when cars are nearby.

Before you enter your car and back up, walk around the vehicle to make sure no children are close by. While actually backing up, always watch carefully behind you and in side view mirrors.

Make sure children know that when an adult gets into a nearby car, they should move out of the way, to a place where the driver can see them.

Be particularly cautious if you drive a large vehicle. Roll down the windows and stick your head out to look to the side and behind you as you back up.

Keep kids' toys, bicycles and equipment away from the driveway.

Do not to completely depend on a backup camera or alert system to keep you from backing over something.



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## On Valentine's Day El Gaucho Restaurant is for Lovers



Family members, friends and many couples celebrated Valentine's Day at Aruba's most popular Argentine steakhouse. El Gaucho restaurant went all out in honor of the special day, spoiling visitors with its famous hospitality.

Some of those who were seen by our roaming photographer enjoying their Valentine's Day at El Gaucho Argentine Grill were Mr. & Mrs. Martin, staying at the Amsterdam Manor, and Mr. and Mrs. Schlosser, staying at The Mill. The Schlosser told us how happy they were to be on the island, after betting on the 2011 Super Bowl and using their winnings to pay for their vacation in Aruba.

Also seen here are Hilary &

Brian Sperling from Philadelphia, staying at the Occidental Resort. The Sperlings are on the island to celebrate their first wedding anniversary, after having tied the knot in Aruba on Valentine's Day.

Celebrating their love for each other and sharing their love of El Gaucho, local couple Johnny and Anais Wernet, who are regular visitors at El Gaucho, chose the Argentine Grill as the place to celebrate the most romantic day of the year.

Located in the heart of downtown, on the Wilhelminastraat, El Gaucho restaurant has been serving the best steak and seafood marinated and grilled to perfection on wood grills, for the past 34 years.

## Protocol of Caiquetio stimulates greater cooperation and benefits in favor of fishermen

Consultation results in better understanding and willingness to work together to improve Safety at Sea and other issues regarding fishermen of Aruba

Last Wednesday, Hadicurari Fisheries Center in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries organized an informational evening for all fishermen regarding safety at sea. Special guest was the directorate of maritime transportation who expanded on the requirements for shipping and safety at sea for small boats according to existing legislation. In addition a panel of experts, representing Maritime Police, Coast guard, Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries, Fishermen Union and Department of Communication. Over 150 fishermen assisted in the Caiquetio Center. During an extensive session fishermen asked valid questions and expressed their concerns to the panelists and received direct and frank answers from the panelists. The representative of Coastguard demonstrated how most basic requirements to ensure safety at sea fit in a small bag which easily fits in most boats.

### CAIQUETIO PROTOCOL:

At the end of the evening all panelists, upon special request by the Minister of Tourism, Transportation and labor who is also in charge of Fisheries, signed a protocol which makes possible more benefits for the fishermen. The so called "Caiquetio Protocol" states: considering that the fishermen have traditionally for decades already fished free of the limitations of maritime regulation; and the importance to implement and enforce laws regarding safety at sea issues; and that our fishermen, for which fishing is an important part of their income, are not prepared for sudden expenditures; reach the following agreement.

1. The procedure to obtain a navigational permit will re-



main as it was the 1st of January 2011, till the new law for pleasure crafts is formalized;

2. During the process to prepare the above mentioned law under point 1, proper consideration of the opinions and wishes of all the undersigned interest groups of this protocol is taken into account;

3. An awareness campaign will take place to prepare the fishermen and stakeholders regarding the introduction of the above mentioned law under point 1;

4. Directorate of Maritime Transportation will evaluate the request by fishermen to change the renewal period to obtain the permit;

5. The Foundation Hadicurari Fisheries Center in cooperation with the department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries will start a process of registration for the fishermen of Aruba;

6. The undersigned in mutual cooperation will continue to work together to increase awareness about the responsibility of each boater to guarantee safety at sea. As such more informational meetings will be organized to promote this topic and other relevant topics to benefit the fishermen.

The protocol was signed by Nilky Kock, president of Fundacion Centro di Pesca Hadicu-

rari, Carlyle De Coteau of Directorate of Maritime Transportation, Gilbert Rasmijn, President of Union di Piscadornan di Aruba, Luis Tromp representing The Coastguard, Ruben Croes of Search and Rescue Foundation Aruba, Alexander Henriquez Maritime Police and Nathalie Maduro of the Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries.

### HADICURARI MISSION:

Centro di Pesca Hadicurari is satisfied with the evening, both the turn out as the positive outcome. Hadicurari's mission is to create awareness of the everyone's responsibility for their own safety at sea and will help promote this process by organizing lectures and distributing materials. Hadicurari Fisheries Center offers continuous information online via [facebook.com/hadicurari](http://facebook.com/hadicurari) where regularly information about safety at sea, weather warnings and relevant information for fishermen is distributed. Don't forget to take a look at the photo galleries of events at the fisheries center of Hadicurari and all around the island, the beautiful local fishing vessels and much more. Sign on as a friend and receive regular updates on the most recent information, weather warning and invitation for upcoming events.





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## Mrs. Shamilla Williams-Haynes named Aruba YMCA General Secretary



YMCA's Board of Director announced Mrs. Shamila Williams-Haynes as General Secretary for the YMCA Aruba, both in San Nicolas and Dakota. Mrs. Williams-Haynes is a very active volunteer with island youth; while residing in Holland she worked as volunteer and student counselor.

From 1997 to 2001, Shamila was a support person for Aruban and Antillean students in Holland, during which she formulated different activities. Among her other duties, she was in charge of the social management of the seniors' apartments for the 60+ in The Hague. She also worked in the Amsterdam integration program, while participating in different programs such as Step-Up, Beginners' reading, Good Upbringing and Guide for Adolescent Mothers.

For the last five years Shamila has been active on the island for the Parents Committee, Board Member of the Cen-

tro di Barrio Brazil and managed the traimerdia project at the Bonaire Club in San Nicolas.

"YMCA for me represents the fact that I can enjoy my hobby but at the same be part of the club's philosophy," Mrs. Williams-Haynes states. "For the next season we will upgrade our traimerdia program. We will introduce more activities for our members which we will make public soon. I invite everyone to pass at the "Y" on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 to 9 p.m. and participate in our Zumba-hour." Those wishing to get more information regarding homework guidance and other children's activities can call the Y's offices. She also cordially invites everyone to visit YMCA to get a better look their interesting and innovative program; in Dakota - Jorge Guastavino Center, Calabasstraat 1, tel. 582-3072, in San Nicolas - Pastoor Hendrikstraat 55,

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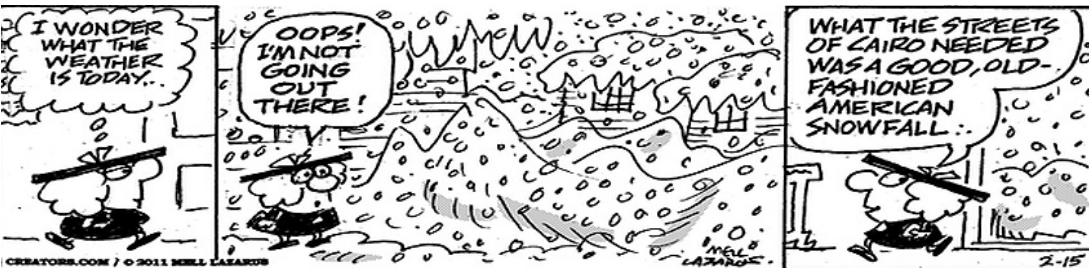
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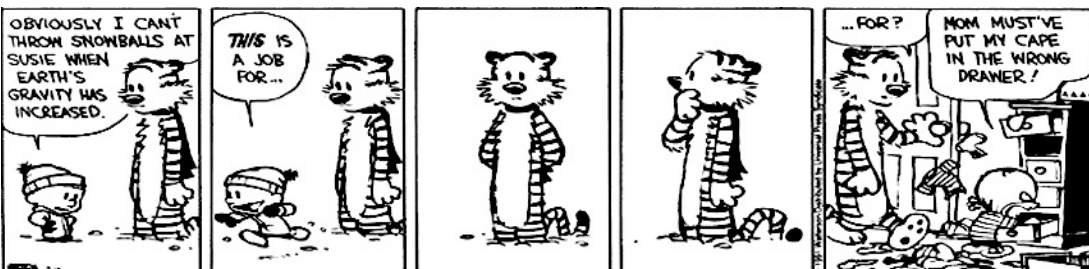
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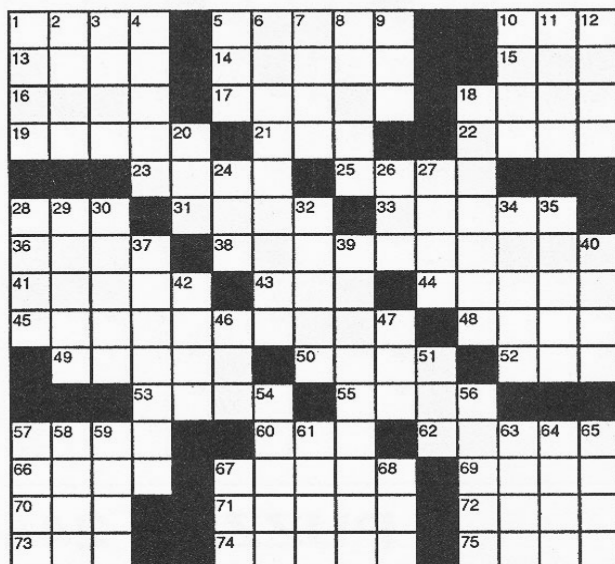
1. Pop
5. Expunge
10. "Green Eggs and \_\_\_\_" (Seuss)
13. Rich soil
14. Mediterranean island
15. "Rose \_\_\_\_ rose ...": 2 wds.
16. Poet Pound
17. Shankar's instrument
18. Like a dime
19. Thick
21. Henri's negative
22. Deception
23. Lean
25. Willing
28. Skill
31. Mop

33. "Song of the South" uncle
36. Hollywood unit
38. Southern swamp
41. VP Burr
43. Pipe bend
44. Linguistic currency
45. June VIP
48. Peter or Paul
49. Backus role, vocally
50. Swaddle
52. Actor Ron

53. "\_\_\_\_ each life ..."
55. Baghdad's land
57. \_\_\_\_ of Gaunt
60. Hipster's home
62. Desert plant
66. Cut \_\_\_\_ (dance): 2 wds.
67. Channels of communication
69. Melville's captain
70. Sweeping shot
71. Of a region
72. Window ledge
73. Moose's kin
74. Politician Mark
75. Woe \_\_\_\_!: 2 wds.

## DOWN

1. Luge
2. Seep
3. Mend, in a way
4. Compile
5. Printers' measures
6. Lancaster film, with "The"
7. Choir voice
8. Actor Arnold
9. Lend an \_\_\_\_
10. "\_\_\_\_ the Merrio": hyph.
11. Continent
12. Type of cat
18. Get \_\_\_\_ out of (optimize): 2 wds.
20. Loop loopers
24. \_\_\_\_ Jima
26. Exist
27. Carte du jour
28. Kind of horse
29. Provide ammo anew
30. Self-service place: suffix
32. Underneath
34. Russian edict
35. Actor George
37. Board
39. Tampa native
40. Otherworldly: var.
42. Modern gaslight
46. Understood
47. Disfigure
51. Prove profitable
54. Puccini work
56. Seemingly
57. Mock
58. Mr. Roberts
59. Large piece
61. Mideast port
63. Greek letters
64. Placid
65. Competent
67. \_\_\_\_-jongg
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## Sudoku



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2	8	1	9	6	7	1	8	9
8	9	9	1	1	2	6	8	4
4	6	1	9	8	8	1	9	2
6	9	7	1	9	8	2	1	8
1	2	8	4	8	1	9	9	6
9	1	8	2	9	6	4	1	8

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## Finance

### BRIEFS:

#### Barclays bank hikes profit, cuts bonuses:

**LONDON, England (AFP)** – British bank Barclays said its 2010 net profit rose a third to over £3.5 billion and announced it had cut bonuses following a government-brokered deal to clamp down on excessive pay. It said it was paying £3.4 billion in staff bonuses, down 7.0 percent compared with 2009, although total pay rose by a quarter as Barclays included payments deferred during the global financial crisis. Pre-tax profit was also up a third in 2010 to £6.0 billion.

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#### China says January inflation remains high at 4.9%:

**BEIJING, China (AFP)** – China said its inflation rate stayed stubbornly high at 4.9 percent in January, sparking analyst predictions that the government would take further aggressive fiscal steps to cool prices. The consumer price index, the key gauge of inflation in the world's second economy, was "lower than market expectations" according to the National Bureau of Statistics but still above Beijing's four percent full-year target. A Dow Jones Newswires poll of 15 economists before had forecast 5.4 percent growth.

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#### Europe decides on Egypt asset freeze:

**BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP)** – EU ministers debate Egypt's request to freeze the assets of leading members of president Hosni Mubarak's regime while considering proposals to increase aid and investment in the Arab world. Finance ministers winding up two days of talks on the rumbling eurozone crisis have been directed by their governments to prioritise an accord on how to handle requests for action against the assets of Mubarak henchmen -- but not against the deposed president himself. Britain, Germany and France have each been asked by Egypt to freeze the assets of former regime officials.

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#### Eurozone economy sputters in fourth quarter:

**BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP)** – The eurozone economy expanded by a feeble 0.3 percent in the last three months of 2010, official figures showed Tuesday amid persistent fears that the debt crisis could sink more frail nations.

As European finance ministers met to discuss ways to shield the euro from future crises, Eurostat data confirmed the eurozone returned to growth in 2010, expanding 1.7 percent after a record 4.1 percent contraction in 2009.

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## Ecuador orders Chevron pay \$8 bln over oil damage



**A toxic oil waste pit in the Cofán Dureno community in Ecuador.**

**QUITO, Ecuador (AFP)** – A court in Ecuador ordered US oil giant Chevron to pay an estimated \$8 billion in a lawsuit alleging the firm caused environmental damage in the South American country between 1964 and 1990, a lawyer for the plaintiffs said.

Chevron faces claims it was responsible for damage in the Amazon rainforest caused by oil extraction by Texaco, a company it bought in 2001.

Chevron inherited the lawsuit, which was originally filed in 1993.

"The Ecuadorian court's judgment is illegitimate and unenforceable," Chevron said in a statement. "It is the product of fraud and is contrary to the legitimate scientific evidence."

Pablo Fajardo, lead attorney for the Ecuadorian Amazon communities that sued Chevron, told AFP that the Provincial Court of Justice of

## Shell, Brazil's Cosan form \$12 billion ethanol unit

**SAO PAULO, Brazil (AFP)** – Anglo-Dutch energy giant Shell and Brazilian sugar-production group Cosan said they were forming one of the biggest joint ethanol fuel ventures in the world, with an estimated market value of \$12 billion.

The new entity, to be called Raizen, will employ around 40,000 people and produce over 2.2 billion liters (580 million gallons) of ethanol per year to Brazilian and international markets, the two companies said in a statement.

Raizen should be launched in the first half of this year, they said.

"Due to the size of its operations, Raizen will help sugar cane ethanol, a sustainable, clean and renewable source of energy, to consolidate itself worldwide and strengthen Brazil's position in the international biofuels trading business," said the venture's chief executive, Vasco Dias.

Raizen will have 23 mills able to crush 62 million tonnes

of sugar cane per year to produce the ethanol. The mills will also output four million tonnes of sugar per year.

The venture will distribute some of the ethanol in 4,500 Esso service stations across Brazil that Consan owns, and through participation in distribution depots for aviation fuel in 54 airports.

The statement said the new company would have approximately \$1.6 billion in cash inflow brought to the table by Shell.

Raizen plans to finance its plans by tapping the market, probably through issuing corporate bonds.

Europe and Asia are the main targets for ethanol exports, through Shell's established network of outlets. The European Commission gave the green light last month for the new venture to be formed.

Brazil is the second-biggest producer of ethanol in the world, after the United States, and the biggest exporter of the biofuel.

Sucumbios made the ruling.

Environmental activists applauded the ruling, which Chevron plans to challenge.

The organizations called the court's decision "historic and unprecedented," saying it was the first time indigenous people have won a lawsuit against a multinational corporation in the country where the damage occurred.

Chevron pledged to appeal, arguing that earlier rulings by US and international courts will bar enforcement decision.

The lawsuit on behalf of Ecuadorian Amazon communities was originally filed in New York in 1993. It sought \$27 billion for water and soil damage, as well as for illnesses suffered by local residents.

The Ecuadorans allege that Texaco dumped billions of gallons of toxic waste into the Amazon.

Chevron, the second-largest energy company in the United States, has long claimed that the process was tainted.

This award passes the record of \$5 billion initially imposed on ExxonMobil Corp. for an oil spill off the coast of Alaska in 1989. But that award was later reduced to \$500 million after a series of appeals by Exxon.

Last year, British oil giant BP contributed \$20 billion to a compensation fund for cleanup efforts and victims of its massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The BP disaster, which began April 20, 2010 with a deadly blast aboard the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon drilling rig, sullied the coastline from Texas to Florida, killing wildlife and devastating key local industries such as tourism and fishing.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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ATLANTA	GALA
TRENTON	ELAN
AREA	NED LID
PINNATE	EBONY
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IKKE	EVE
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DOVER	BERRIES
ROE	AIR ADAM
EDNA	ROASTER
SLUR	MANTELS
SEEM	ADDED



## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with



town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only

construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management de-

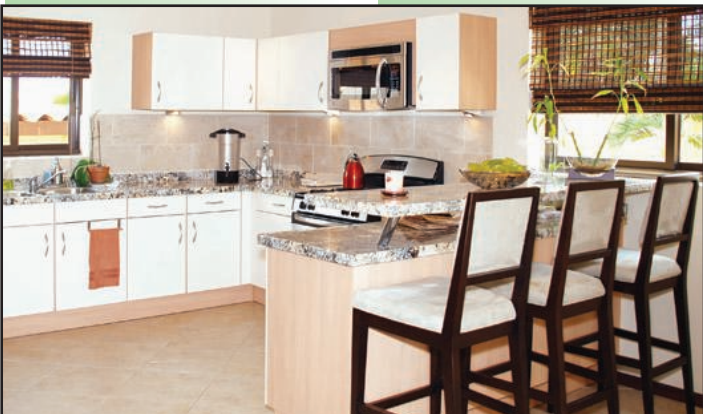


the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an



immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality

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One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena" - "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin



Keshi Yena with plantains and vegetables

restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!





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## Poignant Chinese AIDS film moves Berlin festival

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) – A heart-wrenching documentary about AIDS sufferers in China and the discrimination they face in their daily lives has won a rapturous reception at the Berlin film festival.

Based on interviews and emails with a wide range of HIV positive people, director Zhao Liang said he hoped the film, *Zai Yi Qi* ("Together"), could change attitudes in China, where at least 740,000 suffer from the AIDS virus.

Zhao used Internet chat groups to track down many of his subjects, the vast majority of whom refused to show their face for fear of "letting their family down". Several declined to appear on camera at all.

The stories moved many in the audience to tears.

One 30-year-old drug user, known only as "Duckweed", explained how when she found out she had the virus, she planned to kill herself and her four-year-old son, also infected.

The three main characters are Hu Zetao, an 11-year-old boy, Liu Luping, his carer and

Xia, a stand-in actor. All three worked on the set of a previous Chinese film about AIDS, "Til Death Do Us Part," by director Gu Changwei.

In this "film-within-a-film", Zhao shows how the discrimination against the HIV positive people on the set turns over time into compassion and affection.

At first, one elderly crew member, unaware there were HIV positive people on set, says: "Anyone with this sickness knows he should never say anything because otherwise people will keep their distance. I would keep my distance."

Zhao also takes the audience to Hu's home, where he lives with his father and step-mother after his mother died of AIDS.

His family, unaware of how the virus can be transmitted, will not allow him to put his chopsticks in the dinner pot like everyone else and he has his own washing utensils.

Experts say there is still a major gap in public knowledge about the virus in China, where it has overtaken rabies

and tuberculosis as the country's leading cause of death among infectious diseases.

According to a recent poll of 6,000 people, nearly half thought it could be transmitted by mosquito and almost one in five believed they could catch it if an infected person sneezed on them, it also shows that a one-third say that infected people "deserved" their condition because of drug use or their "promiscuous" sexual activities.

In one of the film's lighter moments, Hu explains his own unique way of dealing with discrimination.

Though emotional in parts, the film is ultimately about the hope the sufferers have in a brighter future and their bravery in struggling against a wave of discrimination, on top of their debilitating condition.

Zhao said three of his subjects had decided to show their faces after all, in the hope it could boost understanding.

The film is screening out of competition at the Berlin film festival, which runs until February 20.

## Bob Dylan to launch Asian tour



TAIPEI, Taiwan (AFP) – Legendary American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan will kick off tour of Asia in April with his first ever performance in Taiwan, organisers said.

Dylan, the reluctant voice for disaffected youth in the 1960s, will perform in Taipei on April 3, a prospect that has led thousands of fans to rush for the ticket booths, accord-

ing to the Taipei-based Very Aspect Culture Group.

"In the 24 hours since we started sales, over 40 percent of the scheduled 10,000 tickets have been snatched up," said Edie Chen, an executive at the company, adding prices went as high as Tw\$8,000 (\$272).

Although he has never visited before, the 70-year-old American icon is loved in

Taiwan, defying a trend that has seen Western music lose market share to Mandarin songs over the past 20 years.

His fans reportedly include Morris Chang, chairman of the world's biggest contract microchip maker Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., but he is an idol for the very young, too.

Chen said a 400 tickets carrying a price tag of just Tw\$800 (\$27), and therefore favoured by cost-conscious young people, were snapped up within 10 minutes.

"That really surprised me," she added.

Dylan's songs such as "Blowin' in the Wind" and "The Times They Are a-Changin'" became anthems for the civil rights and anti-war movements.

The Asian tour will also take Dylan to Japan, Hong Kong and Vietnam, Chen said, adding that it was not yet certain if he would also perform in China.

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## Thai 'kissathon' claims new world record



BANGKOK, Thailand (AFP) – Seven amorous but exhausted couples smooched their way to a new world record in Thailand on Monday with the longest continuous kiss lasting more than 32 hours -- and kept going.

The contestants broke the previous world record of 32 hours seven minutes and 14 seconds set in Germany and were vying to become the last ones locking lips for a prize of about \$3,250 cash and a diamond ring, organisers said.

"I am glad we could set a new record," said Somporn Naksuetrong, general manager of the Louis Tussaud's Waxworks in the resort of Pattaya which hosted the Valentine's Day event.

"But at the same time I'm worried for our contestants.

They looked really tired. We've already prepare medical services ready for them."

He said he was particularly concerned about one 51-year-old woman and her 37-year-old husband.

"The wife is weary but not giving up. She is exhausted but she wrote a note to us saying they will be the last couple. I think they will stay until they collapse," Somporn said.

Fourteen couples joined the contest, kissing their way through the night without stopping even when sipping liquids through straws or going to the toilet with their partner.

They were forbidden from sitting down -- except when going to the toilet -- or falling asleep. Seven dropped out before reaching the new record.



**Underwater love :** Aquarist James Oliver (L) slips a ring onto Kathryn O'Connor's finger while a giant green turtle swims past during an underwater blessing on Valentine's Day, in the Ocean Reef Display in the London Aquarium.



## Dashing Doeschate helps Dutch sink Kenya

COLOMBO (AFP) - Ryan ten Doeschate hit a brilliant 98 not out to guide the Netherlands to a two-wicket upset win over Kenya in a World Cup warm-up match here Tuesday, sending a timely warning to tournament rivals.

Ten Doeschate's 92-ball knock, spiced with four sixes and three fours, helped the Netherlands chase a challenging 264-run target after being down and out at 130-7 with part-time spinner Steve Tikolo taking four wickets.

Serene Waters had scored a brilliant 126 not out for Kenya.

Ten Doeschate added an invaluable 66 runs for the eighth wicket with Aste Burman (29).

And even when his partner was out with 52 still needed, he did not lose heart, putting on 52 for an unbroken ninth-wicket stand with Mudassar Bukhari who finished on 20 not out.

The 30-year-old all-rounder's effort overshadowed Water's innings in the morning which had lifted the Kenyans in the final overs with a fifth-wicket stand of 129 with Rakep Patel.

Waters carried his bat and hit twelve boundaries during his 150-ball knock. Patel made a 59-ball 64 with seven boundaries.

The Netherlands lost wickets at regular intervals with only opener Alex Kervezee (49) negotiating the pace-cum spin attack of

Kenya, before Ten Doeschate turned the tables.

The defeat gives Kenya, who also lost their first warm-up match against the West Indies by 61 runs on Saturday, much to think about ahead of their first World Cup match in Group A against Pakistan at Hambantota on February 23.

The Netherlands, who were thrashed by Sri Lanka by 156 runs in their first warm-up, go into their World Cup opener against England at Nagpur on February 22, high on confidence.

The Netherlands utilised injured captain Peter Borren in their batting line-up after initially deciding not to risk him as a bowler in case he aggravated an abdominal muscle injury.

## Leonardo backs under fire Eto'o



ROME (AFP) - Inter Milan coach Leonardo has leapt to the defence of striker Samuel Eto'o after the Cameroon captain was heavily criticised in some quarters for his performance against Juventus.

Eto'o missed a sitter from five yards, hitting the bar

with an open goal to aim at while also completely missing an attempted volley as Inter rallied late on in Sunday's Serie A clash.

They lost the game 1-0, Eto'o's misses proving costly as they slipped to eight points behind leaders AC Milan.

Inter can close that gap to five if they win away to Fiorentina on Wednesday, in a match that was postponed in December due to the nerazzurri's participation at the Club World Cup.

"It takes a brave man to criticise Eto'o, he's scored 27 goals," said Leonardo.

"It can happen that in one second he doesn't find the right space or contact but talking about an Eto'o problem that doesn't exist, I can't

believe someone can get knocked down for something like that.

"It seems to me as if it's an attack against Inter, as if they (the critics) were waiting for us to lose a game."

Leonardo also insisted that the title race was not over because of that defeat.

"Everything is still open, non-one can claim to have won," he added.

"We're playing well and we're the best team in the world. I can't get involved in these dramas, either accept me as I am or leave me alone."

And an angry Leonardo hit out at the brickbats.

"Often people exaggerate, I'm asking for a bit of coherence. I defend the team, talking about me won't change much," he said.

## Spring is in the air!



PEORIA, AZ: Pitcher Felix Hernandez #34 of the Seattle Mariners signs autographs for fans during a MLB spring training practice at Peoria Stadium on February 15, 2011 in Peoria, Arizona. Most teams has started their Spring Training this week.





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## India look to up World Cup intensity



CHENNAI (AFP) - India must pick up their intensity with barely three days to go before the World Cup gets under way, skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni said on Tuesday.

India, strong favourites to win the showpiece tournament, stuttered in their warm-up game against defending champions Australia in Bangalore on Sunday before pulling off an unlikely 38-run win.

The Indians take on New

## Ronaldo wants to go out with Brazil showing

SAO PAULO (AFP) - Brazil star Ronaldo, who announced his retirement on Monday, has said he hopes to bow out of the game by making a final showing for his country, Globo television reported on Tuesday.

"I want to make it a great party. I will go and see (Brazilian Football Confederation) president Ricardo Teixeira to make it a match for the Brazilian national side," said the 34-year-old.

"I want to bring together players who were with me and appear in front of a public who loved and helped me."

"These people deserve a send off," said the former Barcelona, Inter Milan, Real Madrid and AC Milan striker who has appeared sporadically for Corinthians since returning from Italy but who says his body cannot take up more strain after a raft of injuries dogged much of his career.

Zealand in their second and final practice match on Wednesday in Chennai ahead of their tournament opener against Bangladesh in Dhaka on Saturday.

"Of course we did not have a very good game against Australia," Dhoni said.

"We needed a partnership but that did not happen and we could not score big."

"The lower-order helped and added some 45-odd runs. But at 214 we did not have a par score on the board. We want to score more runs in the warm-up and try various bowling options."

"We need to pick up intensity as we progress into the World Cup."

Dhoni said the performance of spinners in the game against Australia had opened up his options.

Leg-spinner Piyush Chawla, a surprise inclusion in India's squad, picked up 4-31 in nine overs and off-break bowler Harbhajan Singh took 3-15 from five.

"We have a very good side," said Dhoni. "That is what I have said always. I don't believe in comparisons. We have a mix of players who are very good."

"But obviously what we have on paper is not important, it is what we do on the field which matters. We need to see what the conditions are and pick our best eleven accordingly."

The Indian skipper, leading the side for the first time in a World Cup, said his team will treat New Zealand with respect despite their recent poor form in one-dayers in the sub-continent.

"They are a very contributive side. They don't depend on any one particular player. They have some very talented players. When we talk about New Zealand we talk about their contributive effort rather than singling out players."

India, winners in 1983, are placed in Group B with England, South Africa, Bangladesh, the Netherlands, the West Indies and Ireland.



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## Noh qualifies for Match Play championship



KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) - Asian Tour number one Noh Seung-Yul has qualified for his first Accenture Match Play Championship as one of the top 64 players in the world golf rankings.

The South Korean teenager, who became the youngest ever player to win the Asian Tour's order of merit in 2010, kept his 63rd position in the rankings despite missing the cut at the Omega Dubai Desert Classic by one shot.

The 19-year-old will join countrymen K.J. Choi (49th) and Y.E. Yang (44th), along

with the 27th-ranked Kim Kyung-Tae in the \$8.5 million event at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club in Arizona from February 21-27.

Japanese veteran Hiroyuki Fujita, the only player to win three times on the Asian Tour last season, has also qualified for the first World Golf Championships tournament of the season by virtue of his 50th place ranking.

"This is fantastic news for Noh and the Asian Tour," said Asian Tour executive chairman Kyi Hla Han.

"After the season that he had with us, we are confident he will fly the Asian flag proudly at the Accenture Match Play."

Noh's inclusion will enhance his hopes of qualifying for the Masters, the year's opening Major in April. He will need to break into the world's top 50 in the week prior to the Masters.

The Accenture Match Play Championship is one of four annual World Golf Championships events.

## Bonds, prosecutors move to limit testimony



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Attorneys for US baseball home run king Barry Bonds and federal prosecutors who say he lied when denying being a dope cheat each filed motions Monday seeking to limit evidence in a March trial.

Bonds' lawyers asked US District Court Judge Susan Illston to ban testimony about the former San Francisco Giants slugger's relationships with Kimberly Bell, an ex-girlfriend of Bonds, and his second wife.

They also sought to limit testimony from his doctor

and others regarding Bonds' temper and treatment of others from jurors in the trial, set to begin March 21.

Prosecutors want Bonds banned from making the argument that the government has committed misconduct or unfairly selected him as a prosecution target.

They also want to keep Bonds from introducing statements made to a grand jury by athletes who are not set to testify, the prosecution saying the statements are not relevant to the case.

Lawyers for Bonds seek to

bar testimony for the prosecution from baseball players, including Jason and Jeremy Giambi and several former Bonds teammates from the Giants.

Illston is expected to rule on the motions in a March 1 hearing in which Bonds will be arraigned on the latest revised set of charges.

Bonds has been charged with one count of obstructing justice and four counts of lying to a grand jury in December of 2003 when he said he never knowingly took performance enhancing drugs.



(L) Manny Pacquiao and (R) Shane Mosley pose to promote their upcoming fight at The Lighthouse at Chelsea Piers on February 14, 2011 in New York City. The big

fight will be on May 7th.

It's still two months away from Manny Pacquiao's May 7 fight date with "Sugar" Shane Mosley, but Las Vegas's betting industry is already

working feverishly.

Odds makers see Pacquiao as a 7-1 favorite over Mosley, a former world champion who has won several welterweight titles.

This means that every \$700 bet placed on Pacquiao will only yield \$100 while a \$350 bet on Mosley will get \$500.

Mosley, however, remains unfazed despite Pacquiao's immense popularity. He said he currently relishes the underdog tag, claiming that those who bet on him stand to earn lots of money.

"I do have the punching power to knock guys out. I would definitely bet on me if they want to win some money," said the 39-year-old boxer.



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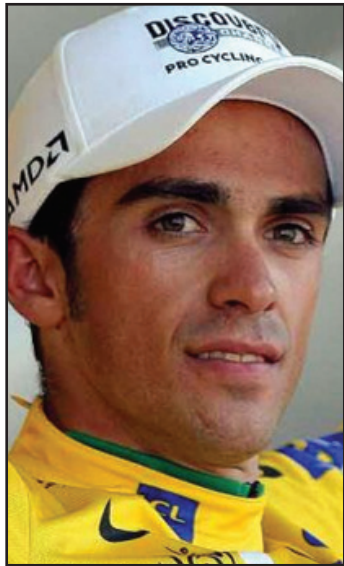
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## Contador cleared of doping charges - spokesman



MADRID (AFP) - Spain's cycling federation cleared three-time Tour de France champion Alberto Contador of knowingly using a banned substance, his spokesman said Tuesday, in a dramatic U-turn in the case.

"Alberto Contador has been officially cleared by the Royal Spanish Cycling Federation (RFEC) and has been authorised to return to competition immediately," the spokesman, Jacinto Vidarte, said in a statement.

"If everything goes well, the rider will take the start, tomorrow, at the Tour of Algarve" in Portugal.

Contador's future has hung in the balance since he announced last August he had tested positive for minute traces of the banned substance clenbuterol during last July's Tour de France.

The Spaniard has repeatedly denied knowingly taking any banned drugs, blaming the result on a steak he says was contaminated with traces of the clenbuterol.

Spanish news reports said earlier the RFEC had decided to clear him based on arguments put forward by the

Spaniard himself that he involuntarily ingested the clenbuterol.

The UCI and the World Doping Agency (WADA) have one month to decide if they concur with the RFEC decision, or if they want to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

"Alberto can race and justice has been done," Contador's lawyer, Andy Ramos, told reporters.

"The UCI can appeal, for our part we will not," he said after appearing before the federation's competition committee on Tuesday.

The decision marked an about-turn for the RFEC, which last month had recommended a one-year ban for Contador, a ruling that would have stripped him of his 2010 Tour de France title.

The 28-year-old rider, who also won the Tour de France in 2007 and 2009, has threatened to quit the sport if he is slapped with a ban.

In an interview recorded for Spanish television before the announcement was made public, Contador said he had hoped the RFEC "would make a U-turn."

"Without doubt my honour, my honour and my credibility, was the thing that was most valuable to me, that they recognise it and that justice be done."

Earlier this month he blasted anti-doping regulations which he said were outdated.

Clenbuterol is a banned weight loss/muscle-building drug which is also used to increase lean meat in cattle. The substance was banned by the European Union in 1996 but it is still administered illicitly by some cattle farmers.

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## US senators: Ban tobacco from baseball

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Two US senators on Tuesday called for a ban on the use of tobacco, including smokeless products, in professional baseball, citing the athletes' role-model appeal to young Americans.

Democratic Senators Dick Durbin and Frank Lautenberg

made the appeal in letters to the sport's commissioner, Bud Selig, as well as the head of the players association, Michael Weiner.

"While tobacco companies spend millions on ads tailored to attract young people to use tobacco products, MLB is undoubtedly com-

plicit in attracting many young people to try smokeless tobacco after seeing their baseball heroes chew tobacco," said the lawmakers.

The senators said the ban should be part of a new collective bargaining agreement due to result from talks that open in December.

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